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1. In January 1953, the Finance and Economics Committee of the Chinese Communist Government Administration Council accepted the suggestion of Ta-i-no-fu (6671/0181/6179/1138), a Soviet expert, to make an aerial survey of forestation in Northeast China. The Ministry of Forestry and Land Reclamation organized a survey team of 54 members and engaged two aerial survey experts from the Soviet Union to direct the survey.
2. By late January all the survey apparatus was in Peiping, but the two Soviet experts had not yet arrived. The survey, scheduled to begin on 1 March and be completed before the end of 1953, was expected to start in Tahsinganling (N 49- , E 122-) and Hsiaohsinganling (N 49- , E 126-), Heilungchiang, and cover 1,500,000 hectares of the northeast area.

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